

# 2016 Stow Community Gardens Application

*"There's So Much to Hear and See and Smell"*

The Stow Community Gardens are located on Tuttle Lane -- one of the most beautiful scenic roads in Stow, and part of the Captain Sargent Conservation Area, owned and managed by the Stow Conservation Commission. It's a friendly and inviting place to grow your vegetables and flowers, meet and exchange ideas with other gardeners, picnic, and learn the joys of gardening. Four pitcher pumps are on site to provide water.

Annual garden plots are plowed and harrowed yearly in the spring as soon as the soil can be worked and harrowed in the fall to allow for planting of cover crops. Perennial garden plots **are not** plowed or harrowed by Town. The approximate gardening season runs from mid-April through October depending on weather – **gardeners will receive an email once the gardens are plowed, staked and ready for gardening.**

## ***Community Garden Rules & Regulations***

1. Vehicles must not be left parked on the access roads around the garden.
2. All paths must be kept clear for access to the pumps.
3. All plots must be in active use by June 1 or will be reassigned with no refund.
4. Gardeners are responsible for the weeding and maintenance of their plots. Material to be composted must be placed in designated areas. Gardeners are also asked to help out with keeping the gardens tidy and may be asked to participate in a Community Garden work day.
5. All rocks removed from plots must be placed along the stone wall or in designated rock piles.
6. Only organic fertilizers may be used. No chemical herbicides, pesticides or fungicides. Please familiarize yourself with proper organic farming methods or ask experienced gardeners for help before applying any remedies.
7. Biodegradable mulch is preferred. Any plastic mulch must be removed at the end of the season.
8. Permanent structures are not permitted in the gardens.
9. **Annual Plots:** All man-made or non-biodegradable materials, including plastic or landscape fabric, stakes, fences, personal belongings, etc. must be removed from annual plots by October 30<sup>th</sup> or a \$25 clean up fee will be assessed. Plots will be harrowed after October 30<sup>th</sup> so gardeners can plant a cover crop.
10. **Perennial Plots:** Fences and trellises may be left in perennial plots but all other man made materials should be removed at the end of the season unless approved by Garden Steward.
11. Stakes will be used to mark the plot locations and must remain in place. Annual and Perennial gardeners are encouraged to put up a sign with their name or plot number.
12. The Town of Stow is not responsible for stolen or damaged personal property at the gardens.
13. Failure to comply with the above rules may result in loss of gardening privileges, including the loss of the assigned plot with no refund.



**Please complete and return the attached application along with a check payable to the Town of Stow to reserve a plot.** Returning gardeners will be assigned to the same plots if their application is returned by March 15<sup>th</sup>. After that plots are available on a first-come first-serve basis and a waiting list will be created when all plots are assigned. Please contact the office with any questions you may have at 978-897-8615 or [conservation2@stow-ma.gov](mailto:conservation2@stow-ma.gov).

**Please keep this page for reference.**

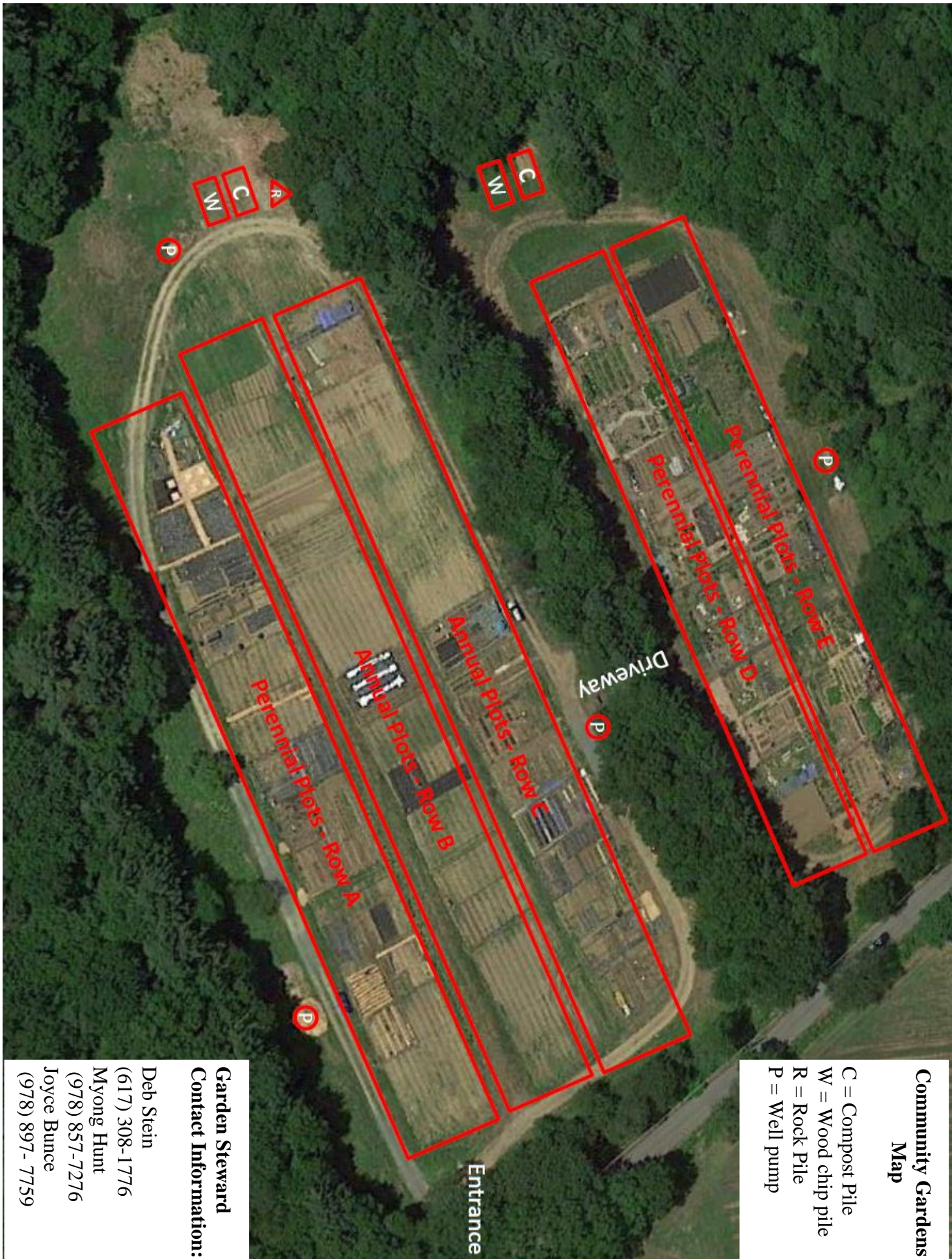


**Community Gardens  
Map**

C = Compost Pile  
W = Wood chip pile  
R = Rock Pile  
P = Well pump

**Garden Steward  
Contact Information:**

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# The Stow Community Gardens

## 2016 Application Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Stow Resident? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (please print legibly!): \_\_\_\_\_

Returning 2015 Gardener? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ willing to mentor a new gardener  
\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ would like a gardening mentor

Number of Plots Requested:

Annual Plot(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Small \_\_\_\_\_ Large  
Perennial Plot(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Small \_\_\_\_\_ Large

Fee Submitted: \$\_\_\_\_\_

	<u>Plot Size</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non Resident</u>
<u>Annual Plot</u>	30' x 50'	\$30.00	\$35.00
	30' x 25'	\$20.00	\$25.00
<u>Perennial Plot</u>	30' x 50'	\$30.00	\$35.00
	30' x 25'	\$20.00	\$25.00

I/we agree to abide by the rules/regulations governing the use of the Stow Community Garden. I/we hereby release and hold harmless the Town of Stow, its agents, contractors and employees from any and all actions, claims and damages for losses, personal injuries and disabilities that I/we may sustain as a result of my/our participation in the Community Garden program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to the Town of Stow and mail to:**  
**Stow Conservation Commission, 380 Great Road, Stow, MA 01775**  
**(978-897-8615)**

**Notes:** Applications from returning gardeners must be received by March 15, 2015 to be guaranteed the prior year's plot(s). When all plots are assigned, a wait list will be created in the order applications are received.